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**CLAIMS**

1-3. Canceled

1           4.     (Currently Amended) A method for use in a network that carries packet  
2 traffic under at least two classes of service, the method comprising determining  
3 individually for each of a plurality of links in the network whether a predetermined  
4 parameter associated with said each link meets a predetermined criterion, said parameter  
5 being a function of the amount of packet traffic over said each link that is entitled to one  
6 of the classes of service and being further a function of the amount of packet traffic over  
7 said each link that is entitled to the other of the classes of service,

8           ~~The method according to claim 1~~ wherein said parameter is the ratio of a) the  
9 amount of packet traffic over said each link that is entitled said one of the classes of  
10 service to b) the amount of packet traffic over said each link that is entitled to the other of  
11 the classes of service and wherein said criterion is that said ratio exceeds a predetermined  
12 threshold.

5-6. Canceled